



**File Code:** 1950

**Date:** February 5, 2018

Dear Interested Party,

Thank you for your interest and participation in the Moonlight Fire Area Restoration Project. The project was initiated in the spring of 2016 when it was listed in the Plumas National Forest Schedule of Proposed Actions (SOPA). The scoping period was held in August of 2016. The Environmental Analysis and Finding of No Significant Impact (EA/FONSI) was completed in October 2017 and was circulated for comment. The interdisciplinary team has responded to all comments. As the Responsible Official, I have prepared a draft Decision Notice.

The Moonlight Fire burned approximately 65,000 acres of National Forest System and private lands during the late summer of 2007; over half of these acres burned at high severity. This had both direct and indirect impacts on a broad suite of ecological and cultural resources. In response to these conditions, we propose vegetation and infrastructure management activities designed to restore the area affected by the 2007 Moonlight Fire; to reduce the negative post-fire effects to vegetation, watersheds, and recreation; and to enhance resiliency to future fires, droughts, insect and disease infestations, and climate change.

The EA/FONSI and the draft decision notice are available electronically for your review at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49421> (to view the documents click on the tabs titled 'analysis' and 'decision').

The proposed decision is subject to objection pursuant to 36 CFR 218, Subparts A and B. Objections will only be accepted from those who submitted specific written comments during scoping or other designated comment period. Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted comments unless based on new information arising after the designated comment periods. Names and addresses of those who comment and/or file objections will become part of the public record.

### **Filing an Objection**

Written objections, including any attachments, must be filed (regular mail, fax, email, hand-delivery, or express delivery) with the Randy Moore, Regional Forester, c/o Nevla Brown, Regional Appeals and Objections Coordinator, 1323 Club Drive, Vallejo, CA 94592, fax 707-562-9229. The office business hours for those submitting hand-delivered objections are: 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Electronic objections must be submitted in a format such as an email message, portable document file (.pdf), plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), and Word (.doc or .docx) to:

[objections-pacificsouthwest-regional-office@fs.fed.us](mailto:objections-pacificsouthwest-regional-office@fs.fed.us)



Please include **Moonlight Fire Area Restoration Project** in the subject line of electronic messages.

Objections must be submitted within 45 calendar days following the publication of the legal notice in the *Feather River Bulletin*. The publication date of the legal notice in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the objection period. Those wishing to object should not rely upon dates or timeframes provided by any other source. It is the objector's responsibility to ensure evidence of timely receipt (36 CFR §218.9).

### **Contents of an Objection**

Incorporation of documents by reference in the objection is permitted only as provided for at § 218.8(b). Minimum content requirements of an objection are identified in § 218.8(d) include:

- Objector's name, address, and telephone number (if available); with signature or other verification of authorship supplied upon request;
- Identification of the lead objector when multiple names are listed, along with verification upon request;
- Name of project, name and title of the responsible official, national forest/ranger district of project;
- Sufficient narrative description of those aspects of the proposed project objected to, specific issues related to the project, how environmental law, regulation, or policy would be violated, and suggested remedies which would resolve the objection; and,
- Statement demonstrating the connection between prior specific written comments on this project and the content of the objection, unless the objection issue arose after the designated opportunity (ies) for comment.

Information on the Project is available at the Mt. Hough Ranger District office and online, as described above. If you would like a hardcopy of the document or need further information please contact: Kyla Sabo at 530-283-7652 or [kylasabo@fs.fed.us](mailto:kylasabo@fs.fed.us). Thank you for your interest in this important project.

Sincerely,



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